

(2) State costs related to the operation of a facility pending correction of deficiencies or closure; and

(3) Reimbursement of residents for personal funds or property lost at a facility as a result of actions by the facility or by individuals used by the facility to provide services to residents.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 76 FR 15128, Mar. 18, 2011, § 488.442 was amended by removing and reserving paragraph (b) and revising paragraphs (a), (e)(1), and (f), effective Jan. 1, 2012. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

**§ 488.442 Civil money penalties: Due date for payment of penalty.**

(a) *When payments are due for a civil money penalty.* (1) Payment for a civil money penalty is due in accordance with § 488.431 of this chapter for CMS-imposed penalties and 15 days after the State initiates collection pursuant to § 488.432 of this chapter for State-imposed penalties, except as provided in paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) of this section.

(2) *After a request to waive a hearing or when a hearing was not requested.* Except as provided for in § 488.431, a civil money penalty is due 15 days after receipt of a written request to waive a hearing in accordance with § 488.436 or 15 days after the time period for requesting a hearing has expired and a hearing request was not received when:

(i) The facility achieved substantial compliance before the hearing request was due; or

(ii) The effective date of termination occurs before the hearing request was due.

(3) *After the effective date of termination.* A civil money penalty payment is due 15 days after the effective date of termination, if that date is earlier than the date specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) [Reserved]

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(1) Medicare-participating facilities are deposited and disbursed in accordance with § 488.433; and

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(f) *Collection from dually participating facilities.* Civil money penalties collected from dually participating facilities are deposited and disbursed in accordance with § 488.433 and returned to the State in proportion commensurate with the relative proportions of Medicare and Medicaid beds at the facility actually in use by residents covered by the re-

spective programs on the date the civil money penalty begins to accrue.

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**§ 488.444 Civil money penalties: Settlement of penalties.**

(a) CMS has authority to settle cases at any time prior to a final administrative decision for Medicare-only SNFs, State-operated facilities, or other facilities for which CMS's enforcement action prevails, in accordance with § 488.330.

(b) The State has the authority to settle cases at any time prior to the evidentiary hearing decision for all cases in which the State's enforcement action prevails.

**§ 488.446 Administrator sanctions: long-term care facility closures.**

Any individual who is or was the administrator of a facility and fails or failed to comply with the requirements at § 483.75(r) of this chapter—

(a) Will be subject to a civil monetary penalty as follows:

(1) A minimum of \$500 for the first offense.

(2) A minimum of \$1,500 for the second offense.

(3) A minimum of \$3,000 for the third and subsequent offenses.

(b) May be subject to exclusion from participation in any Federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f) of the Act); and

(c) Will be subject to any other penalties that may be prescribed by law.

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**§ 488.450 Continuation of payments to a facility with deficiencies.**

(a) *Criteria.* (1) CMS may continue payments to a facility not in substantial compliance for the periods specified in paragraph (c) of this section if the following criteria are met:

(i) The State survey agency finds that it is more appropriate to impose alternative remedies than to terminate the facility;

(ii) The State has submitted a plan and timetable for corrective action approved by CMS; and

(iii) The facility, in the case of a Medicare SNF, or the State, in the case of a Medicaid NF, agrees to repay the